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Commercial

PRODUCE

Messrs. Dalgety and Co. report as follows:—

We held our weekly auction sale of grain and produce at our stores on Monday, when we offered a small catalogue to a poor attendance of buyers. Competition was slack for all medium quality lines offered, but taking into account private sales a fair clearance of the catalogue was effected.

Oats.—Harvesting operations are now in full swing, but as yet offerings of the new crop have been light. Any arrivals during the week have been taken at from 1s 4d to 1s 4½d per bushel (ex truck). Stocks of old oats in stores are now almost exhausted, and the few lots remaining are being worked off in small lines for local consumption. We quote: Prime milling, 1s 5d; good to best feed, 1s 4d to 1s 4½d; inferior to medium, 1s 2d to 1s 3½d per bushel (sacks extra).

Wheat.—The reported easier tendency of the London market, coupled with the fact of millers having purchased fair quantities, has caused many to withdraw from the market meantime. Values to-day range from 3s 9d to 3s 10d on trucks, but many growers are now asking 4s on trucks at their stations. Fowl wheat is in short supply locally and is saleable in small lots at from 4s to 4s 1d per bushel, ex store (sacks extra).

Potatoes.—There has been if anything a little better inquiry. Arrivals throughout the week have been light. To-day's values are—Prime, £3 5s to £3 10s; medium, £2 17s 6d to £3 2s 6d; inferior, £2 5s upwards (bags in).

Chaff.—In the absence of an outside demand, values are again easier. Local buyers are very particular as to quality, and none but the prime lines arriving are readily quitted. It is assured that there will be very heavy offerings in chaff this season, and taking into account the low prices ruling, we would strongly urge consignors to keep out damaged sheaves when cutting if they wish quick returns for their consignments. We quote: Prime old, £3 to £3 2s 6d; good old, £2 15s to £2 17s 6d; prime new, £2 15s to £2 17s 6d; inferior, £2 upwards (bags extra).

Messrs. Donald Reid and Co. report:—

We held our weekly auction sale of grain and produce at our stores on Monday. Our catalogue included nearly all the lines in demand at present, and with fair competition most of the lots on offer found buyers at quotations. Values ruled as under:—

Oats.—Samples of the new season's grain are now coming to hand. Most of these are threshed from stock, and being harvested in favorable weather are fairly bright and in good condition. The demand for export is not particularly strong, but good to prime gartons and sparrow-bills are readily saleable on arrival. Other sorts such as Danish, black Tartars, etc., have not the same attention. We quote: Prime milling, 1s 4½d to 1s 5d; good to best feed, 1s 4d to 1s 4½d; inferior to medium, 1s 3d to 1s 3½d per bushel (sacks extra).

Wheat.—The bulk of the wheat already threshed is in prime condition and commands ready sale for direct consignment. The bulk of the Taieri grown wheat has been placed at 3s 9d to 3s 10d per bushel on trucks at country stations. In the local market stocks are light, and most of the wheat offering finds an outlet as fowl feed at 4s to 4s 1½d for whole, and 3s to 3s 9d per bushel for broken and damaged wheat.

Potatoes.—Moderate supplies have been coming forward and values have firmed to some extent. We quote: Best lots ripe and freshly dug, £3 5s to £3 10s; medium, £2 15s to £3 per ton (bags included).

Chaff.—The market is so well supplied with new season's chaff that prices show a slight decline. Buyers have a strong preference for prime old chaff, which sells at £3 to £3 2s 6d; new chaff in best condition sells at £2 15s to £2 17s 6d; inferior, light, and medium, £2 to £2 10s per ton (bags extra).

Straw.—Wheaten is in short supply and is worth 35s per ton, but eaten is plentiful and slow of sale at from 32s 6d to 35s (pressed).

Messrs. Stronach, Morris, and Co., Ltd., report for week ending March 16 as follows:—

Oats.—There are a good number of samples of new season's oats coming to hand, but there is very little demand either for export or local use. Quotations: Prime milling, 1s 4½d to 1s 5½d; good to best feed, 1s 4d to 1s 4½d; inferior to medium, 1s 3d to 1s 3½d per bushel (sacks extra).

Wheat.—There are a good number of samples of wheat coming forward, and this is readily sold at 3s 9d to 3s 10d per bushel on trucks at country stations. Fowl wheat is in good demand, and brings from 4s to 4s 1½d for whole, and 3s to 3s 9d per bushel for damaged (sacks extra).

Chaff.—The market is well supplied with new season's chaff, and prices show a decline. Prime old chaff is worth from £3 to £3 2s 6d, whilst best new brings from £2 15s to £2 17s 6d; inferior and medium, £2 to £2 10s per ton (bags extra).

Potatoes.—Moderate supplies have been coming forward, and prices have improved slightly. Quotations: Best, £3 5s to £3 10s; medium, £2 15s to £3 per ton (bags in).

Straw.—Wheaten is in short supply, and is worth 35s; eaten, in over supply, 32s 6d to 35s per ton (pressed).

WOOL

Messrs. Stronach, Morris, and Co., Ltd., report:—

Rabbitskins.—Our next sale will be held on the 22nd inst.

Sheepskins.—We held our fortnightly sale to-day, when we offered a very large catalogue. The attendance of buyers was large, and bidding was very brisk, prices being fully up to late rates. Quotations: Best halfbred, 6½d to 7½d; medium to good, 5d to 6½d; inferior, 3½d to 4½d; best fine crossbred, 6d to 7d; medium to good, 4½d to 5½d; inferior, 3d to 4d; best merino, 5d to 6½d; medium to good, 3½d to 4½d; pelts, 3d to 5½d; best lambskins, 4½d to 6½d; medium to good, 3d to 4d.

Hides.—We held our fortnightly sale on Thursday last, when we submitted a medium catalogue of 270. Competition was not so good as at last sale, and all descriptions of ox hides showed a decline of ½d to ¾d per lb. Heavy and medium cow hides were as good as at last sale, but light weights were down from ½d to ¾d. Quotations: Prime stout heavy ox hides, none forward; good heavy, 6½d to 7½d; medium weight, 5½d to 6½d; light weight, 5d to 5½d; inferior do, 2½d to 4d; best heavy cow hides, 5½d to 6½d; medium weight, 5½d to 6½d; light weight, 5½d to 5¾d; inferior, 2½d to 4d; yearlings, 2d to 5½d; calfskins, 3½d to 7d.

Tallow and Fat.—There is no change to report in the tallow and fat market, all coming forward being easily placed at late rates.

LIVE STOCK

DUNEDIN HORSE SALEYARDS.

Messrs. Wright, Stephenson, and Co. report as follows:

For Saturday's sale there was a rather poor entry of horses both in respect to number and quality. The attendance of the public was very good, and included several buyers on the look-out for first-class draughts fit for town work, but as our entry did not include any of this description very little business was done. The demand for second-class draughts is very slack indeed, but there are still good buyers for really first-class young mares and geldings, heavy and staunch, and we can recommend vendors having such for sale to try our market. Good young upstanding spring-cart and spring-van horses are also scarce, and any coming forward are easily placed at full rates. We quote:—

Superior young draught geldings, at from £45 to £50; extra good do prize-winners, at from £50 to £55; superior young draught mares, at from £50 to £60; medium draught mares and geldings, at from £30 to £40; aged do, at from £15 to £20; well-matched carriage pairs, at from £70 to £100; strong spring-van horses, at from £25 to £30; milk-cart and butchers' order-cart horses, at from £18 to £35; light hacks, at from £8 to £13; extra good hacks and harness horses, at from £13 to £25; weedy and good do, at from £5 to £7.